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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS MAY 19 MEDIA REACTION REPORT ON
AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S AFRICAN TRIP. END SUMMARY.

2. YOUNG'S CHARGE THAT SMITH WAS DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTING TO
WIDEN THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT THROUGH HIS TACTIC OF "HOT PUR-
SUIT" RAIDS INTO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES CARRIED BY
AP (SCHEMEANN), RANDEL (WPOST), KAUFMAN (NYTIMES) AND
UNBYLINED UPI DISPATCH, WITH ALL CARRING QUOTE BY YOUNG:
'WE HAVE TOLD MR. SMITH WE WILL NOT BE DRAWN INTO THE CONFLICT
ON HIS BEHALF UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.' ALL FOUR STORIES ALSO
REPORT YOUNG'S MEETING WITH ETEKI, WHO "CAUTIOUSLY ENDORSED
THE SHIFT IN WASHINGTON POLICY" (KAUFMAN) OR ALTERNATIVELY
"WAS WON OVER" (RANDAL), AND ALL CARRY ETEKI QUOTE: 'WE
ARE PLEASED BY THE NEW U.S. POLICY THOUGH THEY CAN DO EVEN MORE
ABOUT MOUTING PRESSURE ON RACIST REGIMES.' WPOST AND UPO STORIES
ALSO REFER TO YOUNG, UNDER QUESTIONING, HAVING SAID IT
WOULD BE "ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR US' TO SEVER ALL COMMU-
NICATION LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. AT SAME TIME WHILE YOUNG
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WAS 'NOT SURE' (RANDAL) THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT TOUGH ECONO-
MIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, THE UPI
DISPATCH SAYS THAT YOUNG HINTED THE U.S. "MIGHT BE RECEP-
TIVE AT SOME POINT TO SELECTIVE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS." RAN-
DAL ALSO REPORTS THAT BECAUSE OF THE MAJOR WESTERN INTEREST
IN AND PRESENCE AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE MANY SPEAKERS
"DISPLAYED A NEW MODERATION IN THEIR FORMAL DECLARATIONS."

3. JUNE GOODWIN (CSMONITOR) WRITES FROM MAPUTO THAT YOUNG "IS TRYING TO TRANSFORM THE ENTIRE CHEMISTRY OF U.S.-AFRICANS AND TO GRAB THE INITIATIVE FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." YOUNG HAS PULLED "THE PROPAGANDA RUG" FROM UNDER THE RUSSIANS BY "BEING OUTSPOKEN AND VERY AMERICAN -- ABOVE ALL BY DEFENDING (IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS) THE VIRTUES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." GOODWIN REPORTS THIS "NEW RHETORIC" BY THE AMERICANS IS GOING TO BE TESTED, WITH NAMIBIA BEING THE MOST CRUCIAL TEST." AFRICANS ARE URGING THE U.S. TO WORK ON NAMIBIA FIRST BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA IS "LESS LIKELY TO SURRENDER CONTROL OF NAMIBIA" IF RHODESIA "FALLS TO BLACK WHOM THE WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA DO NOT CONSIDER MODERATE."

4. JIM HOAGLAND (WPOST) REPORTS FROM VIENNA THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES VORSTER "HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO FREE ELECTIONS IN ... NAMIBIA WITH UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT IN THE POLLING FOR A NEW INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY THERE." THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF VORSTER'S "GENERALIZED COMMITMENT" IS TO "SHELVE THE ELABORATE CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERIM-GOVERNMENT PLAN HE HAS PROMISED FOR THE TERRITORY." THE WESTERN NATIONS THAT NEGOTIATED WITH VORSTER ON NAMIBIA ARE "REPORTEDLY ENCOURAGED" BY HIS ATTITUDE BUT WANT HIM "TO SPELL OUT EXACTLY HOW THE GENERAL COMMITMENT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT." HOAGLAND WRITES THAT ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS THE "CHIEF AIM" OF THE VIENNA TALKS IS "TO CONVINCE" VORSTER THAT HE "CANNOT BUT AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING APARTHEID UNCLASSIFIED

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MERELY BY HELPING TO RESOLVE THE RHODESIAN GUERRILLA WAR."

5. BOSTON GLOBE EDITORIAL, POINTING OUT THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRADE CONSIDERATIONS MAKE "FURTHER IDENTIFICATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIST REGIME ... CONTRADICTORY AS WELL AS SELF-DEFEATING," ADVISE MONDALE TO "CONVEY THE DEPTH OF AMERICAN CONCERN" TOWARD APARTHEID AND YOUNG TO "CONTINUE TO ASSOCIATE THIS COUNTRY WITH THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF AFRICAN LIBERATORS" FOR THE ASSOCIATION "HOLDS THE PROMISE FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA" AND IT SHOULD BE "NUCLEUS OF AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA."

6. CSMONITOR EDITORIAL, REVIEWING THE HEAVY-BUILD UP OF PRESSURE TO FREE NAMIBIA, STATES THE "OUTCOME STILL REMAINS IN DOUBT...BUT THE DEMAND FOR CHANGE IS REACHING SUCH PROPORTIONS THAT IT SHOULD BE HARD TO IGNORE, EVEN IN PRETORIA."

7. ECONOMIST (MAY 14 ISSUE) SURVEY OF AMERICA'S "TANGLED AFRICAN POLICY " NOTES THAT ARE MANY "VOICES--THREE OR

FOUR BY SOME COUNTS--SPEAKING FOR THE UNITED STATES ON SOUTHERN AFRICA." MONDALE WAS ASKED TO KEEP A WATCH ON AFRICA, AN "APPARENT REPROOF" TO YOUNG FOR PUTTING A "NUMBER OF DIPLOMATIC NOSES, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA'S OUT OF JOINT." YOUNG'S "CRIME" WAS SPEAKING TO CANDIDLY ABOUT RACISM BUT HE DOESN'T SCARE EASILY AND IT IS NOT CLEAR CARTER "REALLY WANT HIM TO KEEP QUIET." YOUNG'S PRESENT TRAVELS SHOW "HOW THICKLY INVOLVED" HE STILL IS. MONDALE IS ANOTHER VOICE OF THE STAGE, ACCORDING TO THE ECONOMIST. MONDALE MEETING MEETING WITH VORSTER IS "A TONIC TO HIS (VORSTER) REGIME'S SHAKEN MORALE." IN EXCHANGE, MONDALE WILL WARN SOUTH AFRICA ON APARTHEID BUT IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE WARNINGS WILL BE BACKED UP WITH "TANGIBLE AMERICAN PRESSURE." THE ECONOMIST SUGGEST THE U.S. CAN DO A NUMBER OF THINGS TO MAKE LIFE FOR VORSTER'S GOVERNMENT "A GOOD DEAL LESS COMFORTABLE," INCLUDING REMOVING THE TAX CREDIT FOR AMERICAN CORPORATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA," "AN UNCLASSIFIED

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IDEAN THAT "APPEALS" TO YOUNG. TONY LAKE, ACCORDING TO THE ECONOMIST WHILE TENDING "TO STAY IN THE BACKGROUND HAS "AN INFLUENTIAL SAY," PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE JOINT BRITISH-AMERICAN EFFORT ON RHODESIA." AMID THE APPARANT CHAOS," AS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION "UNTANGLES THE STRANDS OF ITS DIFFERENT POLICIES" IN THE AREA, A DIVISION OF LABOR HAS BEEN WORKED OUT, WITH YOUNG PURSUING THE NAMIBIA ISSUE; THE STATE DEPARTMENT HANDLING RHODESIA; AND MONDALE TACKLING SOUTH AFRICA. THE ECONOMIST WRITES THERE IS A DISPUTE WITHIN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AS REGARDS TO SOUTH AFRICA. YOUNG "SEES PLAN LINKS" BETWEEN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. AND THE STRUGGLE FOR MAJORITY RULE. THE INSTINCT OF OTHERS IS TO "BUY TIME," PUSHING FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN APARTHEID BUT "NOT CALLING FOR MAJORITY RULE," VIEWING THIS AS "TOO GREAT A DEMAND FOR THE PRESSURE AMERICAN IS WILLING OR ABLE TO APPLY." HOW HARD TO LEAN IS SOMETHING "MR, CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS HAVE YET TO DECIDE," CONCLUDES THE ECONOMIST.

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